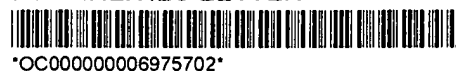


COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/972,756	10/05/2001	Michael G. Katze	A-70383-2/RMS/BTC

CONFIRMATION NO. 5359

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000006975702

Robin M. Silva, Esq.
FLEHR HOHBACH TEST ALBRITTON & HERBERT LLP
Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3400
San Francisco, CA 94111-4187

Date Mailed: 10/26/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 - \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 954.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

01/23/2002 NPDHAMK1 00000053 09972756

01 FC:201370.00 GP
02 FC:20242.00 GP
03 FC:20565.00 GP

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

Attorney Docket No.: A-70383-2/RMS/AXG

PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
application of: KATZE *et al.*

Examiner: J. Ketter

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

Group Art Unit: 1636

Serial No. 09/972,756

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: Novel Screening Methods
to Identify Agents that
Selectively Inhibit
Hepatitis C Virus
Replication

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence, including listed
enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal
Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant
Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts - Fee, Washington,
DC 20231 on

Date: December 14, 2001

Signed: Tina M. Ingrand
Tina M. Ingrand

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Missing Parts - Fee
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts, dated October 26, 2001, in the above-
referenced application, Applicants submit herewith the following documents:

1. Substitute Drawings (18 sheets); and
2. Check in the amount of \$477.00 for payment of the following fees.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27. The check amount is based
on the fees in the USPTO 10/01 Fee Sheet.

	<u>NO. FILED</u>	<u>NO. EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Basic Fee				\$ 370
Total Claims	<u>12-20</u> =	0	x 9 =	\$
Indep. Claims	<u>4-3</u> =	1	x 42 =	\$ 42
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)				\$
Late Surcharge				\$ 65
TOTAL				\$ 477.00

Serial No.: 09/972,756
Filing Date: October 5, 2001

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayments to account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-70383-2/RMS/AXG).

It is believed that submission of the above serves to fully comply with the requirements of the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application.

Respectfully submitted,

FLEHR HOHBACH TEST
ALBRITTON & HERBERT LLP

Date: 12/14/01

Anna Gil
Anna Gil (Reg. No. 46,726) for
Robin M. Silva (Reg. No. 38,304)

Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3400
San Francisco, California 94111-4187
Telephone: (415) 781-1989